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PLUNGER UNIT, AND HYDRAULIC CONTINUOUSLY
VARIABLE TRANSMISSION INCORPORATING SAME

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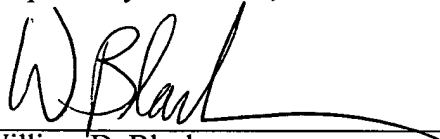
Sir:

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Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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